GRAND RAPIDS HERALD TELEPHONE NUMBERO PREMIOR SCREEKIPTION. A will be generally fair today. TOMORROW'S HERALD. h bright and interesting things.

nong the principal special features. Il be Foster's Weather Forecasts, ch, in view of the great floods in west which fulfill his prediction de months ago, will be eagerly read. ill Nye, the unchallenged prince of n humorists, will contribute a wany letter. Howard Fielding, whose cragent style and breesy descriptions orm a delightful study, will also conibute. The regular department of selianeous illustrated articles will ain attractive stones, well written and timely. In the local department nions of all the judges in this esty on the subject of divorce will ap-"How Our Business Men Began Life" will be introduced. The Theater, ety, Art, Music and the Church will be given special attention. Over Our Own Special Wire, the only one in the world owned and operated by an individual newspaper, the news of the world will be received and laid before our readers. The trend of the Mar-Real Estate, and the Local Field will be carefully covered by painstak-ing reporters. THE HERALD IS rapidly og its way to the homes of the le by its impartial treatment of and affairs, and its circulation is using at a rate much more gratifythen it was anticipated it would be. morrow's HERALD will be the best espaper printed in Grand Rapids. ADJOURNED.

There can be no defense urged for petulant action of the board of rning yesterday afternoon because athorised representatives of the press was expected public business would be transacted. The action of itself is the very best argument that the sessions should be open. What business has the city of Grand Rapids to transact that its officers shall shut themselves up in leeked room to perform? Why is it cesary that five men only shall know somual expenditure of over \$200,000? o to be injured by publicity? It will cult to convince the public that the police and fire departments are not and division unless the public as of the board. Yesterday's tion of Mesers. Withey, Leitelt and trert is a confession that the practice is wrong in conception and cowardly in execution. Mesers. Hatch and Bender had the manliness to respect blic sentiment and will be generally ended. The subject is one that will license the use of very strong lanm of the majority, but THE HERALD ns it an extravagant waste of iry. A reporter will be detailed attend the meeting when it is again silled, and he will be instructed to report the proceedings, unless he shall be

WON'T HOLD WATER Judge Champlin is reported to have ed his argument in support of the stitutionality of the Miner law, mying that it ought to be ed because it had fewer forts than the mortgage tax law high the court had already approved. This is a singular reason to rance in support of a law before a ort estied upon to deto its regularity and sufficiency. If stains defects, those defects, hether great or inconsequential, would be pointed out and if possible e removed before the act is made stive. A pail with a small hole in bottom will empty itself of water at as surely as one with a larger hole the bottom. To hold water the must be waterproof. The Miner to hold water must contain no de sets. The confession of so astute and d a juriet as Judge Champlin aly weakens confidence in the conality of the measure and will o a great way in determining its fate hands of the court. There was not an argument advanced in behalf of the bill that had the ring of patriotin it. The speeches were unctured parlimenship, springing from a dental legislature, with little or no reord for the establishment of a just ed equitable law.

Wayne county brickmakers will not the products of their yards on market this year at \$5.50 per thound. They might make a lower rate and live, for the principal ingredients elay and labur are very cheap. Their shorers. Poles fresh from the father-I while the sun gives light, in all de of weather, for wages barely efficient to buy the meanest necession of life. It is said to be a common

sureing babies, tolling like ancien Egyptian elaves, the upper portion of their bodies almost if not quite nude, and the lower hidden from view only by a piece of coarse cloth. These persons come from the oppressed districts of Poland, where the hand of the Czar of Russia is laid heavily upon them. They never knew what inde-pendence is, nor the value of human muscle engaged in physical toil. To them the glitter of a gold dollar contains the open seeme of wealth and they are willing to work and clave for it until exhaustion cripples their powers or the day is spent. It is therefore not strange that greedy employers seek this kind of labor. It is not strange that they resort to low and meanly tricks to evade the alien contract law. It is strange that the public sense of decency becomes so blunted as to permit half-clothed women, carrying at their breasts naked babies, to dig in the pit and carry the molds in a brick yard while a thousand lusty men loiter idly upon the streets of Deiroit.

CONVICTS FOOD. Some attention has been attracted by the statement made that the management of the Jackson prison has reduced the cost of feeding convicts to nine cents a day each. Under the wardenship of Mr. Hatch the expense of feeding convicts was between ten and eleven cents a day and to maintain that low rate it was necessary to purchase substitutes for butter and conomize in the purchases of meat and vegetables. The last legislature prohibited the use of oleomargarine and other substituties for natural food products in state institutions. The purpose of the law was to compel the officers of state institutions to purchase Michigan dairy products. Any sensible person knows that if this law were obeyed the cost of dairy products would be increased and the expense of feeding convicts would be greater. The result of the law presumably is that the prison management at Jackson has provided good butter for the convicts. But the presumption is misleading. In-stead of feeding the convicts butter, the Jackson prison management, like the Soldiers' home management, has either ignored the law, or else it has supplied the convicts with molasses for their bread. The cost could be reduced on no other hypothesis, for the democrate can buy meat and vegetables in the markets no more cheaply than repub-licans. It is not a peculiar triumph of democratic economy anyway, for years ago when the necessities of life were cheaper because of friendly republican

door of the pensions committee for years, distinguished himself yesterday by objecting to an item carrying an appropriation for a monument to General Sherman. He is one of the unreonstructed. Had it not been for the patriotric speech of Mr. Breckinridge, he would have stood in the eyes of the country as he deserves to stand, a contemptible ingrate and poltroon.

ELEVEN ticket scalpers were arrested in Chicago yesterday. They included all the prominent brokers in the city, and the railroad men will push the case to the utmost. It will be a virtual test of a statute passed in 1878, prohibiting the selling of railroad tickets by any person without a certificate of authority from the road over which the ticket is sold.

Local bank clearances were 40.9 per cent above what they were last week. The total amount as wired to Bradstreets is \$1,049,956. Out of sixty-seven cities reporting, the report of increase in only two others was equal to or greater than ours. This is a good showing for the magnitude of our business transactions.

Da. PAREHURST cays with a thousand young men sworn to the cause he could throttle Tammany. That is a very easy statement to make, but the learned doctor must produce his men and throttle his tiger before the public will believe that he is anything more than a sensationalist.

cicles nine inches long and snow. The weather map, and advices from St. Vincent, reported the thermometer at 28 degrees, while from all over the west cold, rain, snow and sleet were shown to be the prevailing features of the weather.

Ma. Stune's bill to regulate immigration is not so very clear in verbiage. but its spirit is emigently proper and patriotic. If it shall be passed and put into operation it is to be prayed that its teams may be enforced.

It may be accepted as a fact that Mr. laine's name will be presented to the Minneapolis convention, and that the delegates will stampeds to him unless he comes out decidedly adverse to such a movement.

will not return a billion dollar congress Occasionally the World blun-ders into a profound and axiomatic truth.

Tax fire and police commissioners heid an "executive" session yesterday afternoon, but the business was confined to a motion to adjourn.

As arrwars the public officials and secrecy, and the reporters and publicity, the reporters won yesterday by a

Upon a count of noses Grover seems to have a clear majority of the dele-

to see scores of women, many of them THEY TRY A SNEAK The Police and Fire Commis-

> sioners Steal Away FROM A TRIO OF REPORTERS

Who Refuse to Leave the Room When Ordered to Do So-After Some Discussion the Board Adjourns.

Reporters for the morning papers and settled themselves comfortably into good easy chairs in the room o the board of police and fire commisioners yesterday afternoon. The arty waited anxiously for Commissioner Withey. At five minutes past 3 he entered the room and took his usual seat at the table. Commissioner usual seat at the table. Commissioner Hatch called his attention to the fact that the S. P. Bennett Fuel & Ice company had put one of its advertising peaknives at the place of each member of the board. Leitelt quaveringly asked what that meant. Superintendent Eastman and Fire Marshal Lemoin were pacing the secretary's room. Out in the hall a group of at less twenty-five persons, anxious to see what would be done with the reporters who had been ordered to attend the meeting, exchanged significant looks and waited for developments.

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The board was called to order and The board was called to order and Commissioner Loetts ert moved that the reporters be excused. This motion was cheerfully seconded by Commissioner Withey. The president called for the yeas and nays, but could not decide the result. On motion of Commissioner Hatch a formal ballot was taken. Secretary MacReynolds then stated Commissioner Loettgert's motion, "Resolved, That the reporters be excused until the executive session of the board is concluded."

The commissioners answered as follows: Loettgert yes, Hatch no, Bender no, Withey yes. The president was

lows: Loettgert yes, Hatch no, Bender no, Withey yes. The president was then called on to vote. After much effort he voted "no." This caused a seneation, but in an instant Withey had caught Leitelt's eye and was frowning at him ominously. Loettgert, who was sitting ne at to the president, poked him vigorously in the ribs. The president saw that he had put his foot into it.

Commissioner Withoy asked that the the resolution be read again. By this time, through the vigorous pokings of Loettgert and the winks of Withey the president had tumbled to himself and said that he had misunderstood the resolution of Mr. Loettgert. Commissional Market the Asked that the matter than the said that t plained to him, which Commissioner ettgert did in studied and laborious Loettgert did in studied and laborious terms. The president then said that he understood and desired to vote "yes." The secretary declared the result and Commissioner Loettgert reiterated his statement as to the unadvisability of having the reporters and public admitted to the executive sessions of the board. Commissioner Bender said that he thought all matters of discipline should properly come before the committee on men and discipline, and need not be considered by the board. He said that the committee could dispose of all petty offenses without the aid of the board and that in no case was the executive session of cheaper because of friendly republican legislation and abundant crops Warden legislation and abundant crops Warden legislation and abundant crops Warden cents per day. The opportunity to boast of its present great (?) saving is not lost, however, by the democratic press.

Wildone, the Texan, who has stood with a knotty club in his hand as the degree of the pensions committee for of the pensions committee for deportunity come before the count of the count o of discipling men which should not be made public. "The superintendent," he said, frequently has to report to the board on the detective service of the police department and it would be very undersirable to have the public know of the nature of these reports."

Mover Knew Him to Report, Bender—Yes, if the superintendent ever did report anything of that kind to this board, or knew anything about such things that excuse might go down, but during my connection with this board I have never known him to

make any such report.

Hatch—[Sotto voce.]—He doesn't know enough to do anything, but iraw his salary.

Bender—He never reports anything but routine matters. He has never given us any information relating to the detection of crime.

Leitelt—Well, gentlemen, I have voted to exclude the reporters during

voted to exclude the reporters during the executive session.

Then there followed a allence that could be felt. Commissioner Withey sat in his chair playing with the Fuel and Ice company's souvenir knife, plainly getting madder with every breath. President Leitelt fidgeted in his chair and looked as though he half understood what was going on. The representatives of the morning papers level on grinding out cony.

kept on grinding out copy.

And nobody spoke.

They Finally Adjourn. At the end of fifteen minutes Commissioner Loettgert said with an effort at cheerfulness: "Well boys, we would be giad to see you after the executive resion is over if you want to come in." Nobody answered. The members looked at their knives. Finally President Leitelt raid:

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The three reporters answered simul-

"Vell, be you goin'?"
The three reporters answered simultaneously, "No sir.
Bender—I think the gentlemen of the press will do better to abide by the vote of the board. I believe they represent public opinion and are right in their action, but they should wait before they take further action.

Lostgert—I don't want to argue with these men any longer.

President Leiteit—Well, what shall we do?

Here Loettgert gave the president another vigorous poking in the tender portions of his anatomy and whis-pered, "Tell the secretary to inform them of the decision of the board. Tell them to get out." But the president

was silent.
Commissioner Withey then took out bis watch and said: "If this board isn't going to transact any business I'm going to leave."

to transact. I have some important bills to submit. Withey—Why don't you do it?

Bender had nothing to say and Withey made a motion that the board adjourn. This was carried by a vote of 3 to 2. The board had occupied just forty-two minutes in meeting and adjourning

HISTORY AND THE BIBLE.

The Rev. Puffer Discusses Scripture and

Archaeology. The Rev. Mr. Puffer of Hasting deivered last evening in the Ames M. E. hurch the first of the Y. P. S. C. E. church the first of the Y. P. S. C. E. lectures, taking as his subject "The Spade and the Book, or What Archeology Has to Say About the Bible." The house was passably well filled. The lecturer argued that the historical part of the Bible is being confirmed every day. The earth is a vast comester which contains the remains of peo-

ple who inhabited it centuries ago. The truths of the Bible have transformed the world until it has become a new world. The Bible has liberated those held in bondage. Eighteen centuries ago population was very chear and sold under the hammer at a low price to cruel purchasers. The precepts of the Bible have wiped out this
imquitous custom. But the Bible,
has been opposed. This opposition is
raised because it strikes at pride and
arrogance of the human soul. The
oruptions of Vesuvius buried the cities
that stood on the side of that volcano.
These cities have been dug up and the These cities have been dug up and the life and customs of eighteen centuries ago have been presented to us corroborating the history chronicled by the Bible. In 1789, while Nanolcon, with eminent scholars, was in Egypt tablets eminent scholars, was in Egypt, tablets were found upon which were written three different languages. A key was found to the Egyptian hieroglyphics by the aid of which the inscriptions on those tablets were read. The mounds along the Tigres and Euphrates have revealed the life of early civilization. Records of business, courts, government proceedings and marriages have been found in these mounds. Tablets have been found upon which were illustrated the mounds. Tablets have been found upon which were illustrated the punishment of sins, and that the sabbath was known and observed by the Babylonians and Assyrians. Many of the old rulers have been found in tombs who have been fully identified with historic references found inside of the nummy cloth wrapped around the body. The body of Rameses II can now be seen in Cairo secured in a glass case. Archwology supports the statements of the Bible on events of history.

The next lecture in the course will be given next Friday evening by the Rev. Hunsberger of Muskegon on "The World's Wonderland."

ORGANIZED A CHURCH. North End Baptist Form the Berean Bap-

tist Society. Fifty people gathered at the Baptist chapel, corner of Cost avenue and Third street, last night for the purpose of organizing a Baptist church. For two years past the Baptists of this vi-cinity have been organized as a mission of the Fountain Street Baptist church. Last night the mission became the Berean Baptist church and will be offi-cially known under that name. W. H. Andrews was chosen chairman of the meeting. Resolutions were read ad-vocating the formation of a church. These resolutions were adopted and Messrs. Canwright, Jillett and Mills were appointed a committee to make a report on officers and pastor, and were directed to submit the same next Fridirected to submit the same next Friday evening. Thirty-eight members were received from the Fountain Street Baptist church and tweive from other churches. Messrs. Miller and Andrews, Mrs. Whitney and Misses Mills and Parker were appointed as a committee to make arrangements for the celebration of the second anniversary of the mission and the organization of the church June 5. The Rey, J. L. Jackson of the Fountain The Rev. J. L. Jackson of the Courtain Street Baptist church will deliver the sermon on that occasion. The Rev. D. M. Canright will be chosen pastor of the church, he having conducted the mission since its uncertion.

tricity is not a fluid," he said, "we can not conceive of it as a fluid like water coursing through pipes. Franklin's theory was that it was two etherial fluids, a positive and a negative. Negative means a smaller, positive a larger value. Faraday's greatest advance consisted in drawing attention away from the conductor to the electric energy itself. It was he who first drew attention to lines of force. Energy is that invisible, intangible thing transmitted by things or objects which may be seen. Not so with electricity. The force of electricity may be felt, but cannot be seen. While we cannot get cannot be seen. While we cannot get at it we can collect it in a Leyden jar, we can set it in motion and we can use way do we generate electricity. The conductor and the magnet carry the medium with them through which these lines of force pass. We know this, but we have no sense by which to know as the magnetic needle has. Electricity may be and is probable everywhere. If it is, it is possible to collect and store it in one place, just as by means of a force pump we may exhaust air from one receiver and crowd it into another.

Fire in the Picker Room. At 8:30 last evening an alarm of fire At 8:30 last evening an alarm of fire was sounded from box No. 521. The fire was discovered in the picker room of the Grand Rapids Mattress company, corner of Sixth and Davis streets. The damage to the building was slight, amounting to only about \$50. Damage to the picker not ascertained, but supposed to be heavy. The cause is supposed to be spontaneous combustion. Insurance ample to cover loss.

Twenty-Seven Tramps. The chilly air last night drove into the police station twenty-seven tramp laborers on their way from Chicago to Traverse City, to work on the railroad. The gang was left penniless by the contractor to shift for themselves as best they could, and were of rather a better class than those who usually apply to the station for the soft side of a plank on which to lodge.

HE SHOULD RESIGN. EDITOR HERALD-It would not only e an act of mercy but an act of duty for those who are nearest and dearest to Police and Fire Commissioner to Police and Fire Commissioner Leiteit to earnestly advise him to resign. Mr. Leitelt's health is not the best, and in fact unfits him to perform the perplexing duties as president of the most important board in the city. It is indeed an unhappy and diagraesful spectacle to see other members of the board taking advantage of President Leitelt's weakness and imposing dent Leitelt's weakness and imposing upon him, thereby exposing him to harsh criticisms, which are passed the distributions, which are passed upon his actions by those who do not understand the real conditions of things. Mr. Leitelt has for years been at the head of one of Granu Rapids' largest industries and his career as a business man is full of honor and success. Mr. Leitelt like all man with the advance. Leitelt, like all men with the advance of years, has reached the declining period. His remaining days should period. His remaining days should surround him with peace and quiet. His relatives and friends can ill claim his confidence if they do not interpose with their best counsel and thereby save an honored citizen from having his illness produced through mistakes which he cannot justly be held accountable for. He should no longer try to serve the city on the board. It would be unjust to persist in claiming his time and attention to an irresome and thankless duty under the existing circumstances. He should be gently prevailed on to resign.

REDS FOR THE FAIR Chicago Furniture Men Making Great Preparations

EVERYBODY WILL BE THERE

nense Amounts of New Furniture Will Be Sold to Accommodate the Guests. New Designs in Home Styles.

Harry M. Wright of Chicago, manager of the Tobey Furniture company, is a guest at the Morton. Mr. Wright is one of the heaviest buyers of all the furniture men who frequent the Grand Rapids market.

"This has been an excellent year for furniture so far as Chicago is concerned," he remarked yesterday to a reporter for THE HEALD. "White dull times has been the report from other places, yet we didn't notice the slightest failing off in the trade. On the contrary I'm not sure but it has increased; and probably the same statement could be made of other industries. Business is certainly wonderful in Chicago. An eastern man was teiling me cago. An eastern man was telling me a few days ago that we in Chicago had no appreciation of what a wonderful boom we are having. He said it was necessary to stand on the outside and look at it.

"So far as furniture is concerned we expect this will be a red letter year Everybody in Chicago will be visited next year by every one else that ever had an introduction to them. Aunts, uncles, cousins of all degrees, mothers-in-law, half-brothers and wives relation, even unto the third and fourth generations will be present an masse. generations will be present en masse.

Will Sell the Beds, "Those vaitors must have some place to sleep, and we intend to sell the beds for them to sleep in. There will be thousands upon thousands of Chicago families that will entertain visitors, and every one of them will buy more or less new furniture. Oh, I tell you, that exposition is going to be a glorious thing for Chicago, financially and otherwise.

"I'm no here buying furniture now."

"I'm up here buying furniture now. I like to get in early and look things over in advance. Of course the manover in advance. Of course the manufacturers here haven't begun to make
their display yet; but I can select what
I want just as well from the designs. I
am acquainted so well with the work
of Grand Rapids manufacturers that
the design is a sufficient guarantee for
the quality of the work. Judging from
them I think there will be many new
and pleasing effects put on the market
at the July exhibition.
"I came to Grand Rapids to buy
furniture because I recognize that it

furniture because I recognize that it leads the country. There is no use dailying with these little third-rate places, when I can come directly here and find exactly what I want and what my customers are anxious to buy. In my opinion all the leading furniture men of the country are willing to concede that Grand Rapids leads the world."

The Hon. and Mrs. T. A. Parish of Grand Haven were guests at the New Livingston yesterday. I. G. Shilson and A. E. Waterbury. Traverse City business men, are guests

Miss Marry Darrad of Leicester, England, is a guest at the Morton.

Mayor E. C. Watkins of Rockford ar rived at the Morton yesterday. A. E. Cottingham, an Ionia dentist, dined at Sweets yesterday.

AMUSEMENTS.

"A Social Session" will end its engagement at Redmond's with matinee and evening performances today. The New Muldoon Picnic company will open tomorrow night for a week. Seats

The usual matinee at Smith's today. For next week Manager Smith announces another long list of specialty performers including Mile Lorretta, the aerial artist.

Mis. Henschel, who appears at Hart-man's hall Monday evening, is one of the few American prima donnas who has had unquestioned success abroad. It is said of her that her record as soloist at the great festivals in Germany, Holland, Scotland and England the past few years was one of a continuous series of triumphs. After her marriage with the great German baritone, Georg Henschel, their united careers in Henschel, their united careers in America and Europe form a peculiarly brilliant page in the annals of music. The beautiful program which they offer to the Grand Rapida public for Monday is of an interesting obstacter in its scope and variety. Excellent seats may be secured at the box office

NEWS OF THE FLOOD. The Danger Is Practically Past in Many Places.

PINE BLUFF, May 20,-The destruc tion of life and property in the Arkanase valley, north and south of this city, increases in magnitude with every new increases in magnitude with every new report. It is now stated as a fact that sixteen negroes were drowned on Hensley island last night. Several more people lost their lives near Red Bluff. The loss to the growing cotton crop is incalculable. All the bridges on the Iron Mountain road south of here ave been swept away, and the water in the eastern and southern parts of this city is covering the ground to the depth of three or four res. In although the Mayor White's dispatch, United States Senator Jones answered this evening that the president had directed that a government boat be ordered here to the aid of the suffering. The Adams will arrive here from Hensley's island tonight and proceed down the river. The river is still rising.

\$10,000,000 in Damages. Sr. Louis, May 20 .- At 9 o'clock p. m Sr. Louis, May 20.—At 9 o'clock p. m. the downward tendency of the river was stopped by the influx of the water which fell over the Missouri and Mississips valleys on Wednesday. The gauge then registered 35.5 feet, a fail of four-tenths of a foot in twenty-four hours. According to the weather bureau the river will commence using in the morning. A three-foot rise is coming down both rivers and it is only a matter of conjecture as to the beight

the river here will go. It is admitted that a rise of at least six inches may be expected within two days while the water may go to thirty-two feet before it goes down. Light rains are failing all over the valley to-night. Conservative estimates place the loss within a radius of twenty miles of St. Louis at \$10,000,000. This is divided as follows: St. Louis city, \$1,000,000; St. Charles county, Missouri, \$1,000,000; St. Charles county, Missouri, \$1,000,000; Monroe county, Illinois, \$4,000,000; Monroe county, Illinois, \$1,000,000.

Another For Sloux City.

Storx Ciry, May 20 .- Another flood is coming this way, this time on the lig Sioux, which forms the west line of the city for four miles. The water is reported by the Milwaukee and St. Paul as having reached Elk Point, where it forms a wave several feet high. The river there has risen twelve feet in The river there has risen twelve feet in a few hours. For miles up the valley is reported covered by water and the atream two niles wide. The wave is expected here about 12 o'clock. It will do little damage in the city as its banks are given up to parks. Great damage is done to farms and villages on the waller but records are measurer. up the valley, but reports are meager.

Ebb and Flow of the Flood. KANSAS CITY, May 20 .- The Misso river rose all forenoon today, but very slowly. At 8 o'clock this morning the signal service gauge showed twenty-four feet, nine and one-twelfth inches above low water mark, a rise mches above low water mark, a rise of eleven inches in twenty-four hours. The rise last night was slow, the principal part of the rise for the past twenty-four hours being that of yesterday. The river was reported stationary at St. Joseph this morning. A rise of six inches was at the same time reported at Plattamouth. From Manbatton, on the Kaw river, a rise of one-terth of a foot was reported. A telegram from Leavenworth said that the stage of the river there at noon was stage of the river there at noon was twenty feet, three and one-half inches

twenty feet, three and one-half inches above low water mark.

Des Moines, Iowa, May 20—The flood is at its highest in this city, neither rising nor falling. The Coon river rose ten inches during the might, and Des Moines thirteen, but the top was reached about noon, and as the Des Moines has been falling for twenty-four hours at Dodge and the Coon is falling at Coon Rapids and below and with frir weather predicted, it is fairly safe to say that the worse is over. The auffering in the flooded districts has been very great and authorites and private citizens are organized for relief.

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OMAHA, Neb., May 20.—The Missouri is falling tonight, the last of the Sioux City wave having passed without undue harm. The Union Pacific bridge approach, which was washed out, has been repaired and all trains are using it now as if nothing had bapoened. The waters are receding from the bot-toms, and all danger of further trouble

toms, and all danger of further trouble has been removed.

Forr Donge, Ia., May 20.—The Des Moines is on the fall, going down nearly three feet during the right. The lofty location of this town is the only thing that saved loss of life. The property loss is from \$20,000 to \$30,000. The weather has changed greatly, it having turned cold enough for snow, and this morning the sidewalks and housetops were white.

vator at Sweet's was completed yesterday. The new lift works to perfection
and is the pride of everybody in the
house.

James Vosper, a member of the Ionia
law firm of Vosper Bros., was among
yesterday's arrivals at the New Living-

deepening every hour.

Campen, Ark., May 20.—The Quachita is booming with the biggest rise ever known and a big rise is coming.

ever known and a big rise is coming. All the low lands in the country are flooded. There was a heavy loss of stock, but none of life.

New Orleans, May 20.—The levee attraction so far as New Orleans is concerned is unchanged. The threatened points near by have been strengthened. Reliable news from Baton Rouge says the levees are in great danger from the mouth of the Red river to New Orleans. United States Engineer Hardy doubts the ability of the levees to stand the strain much longer, and in his opinion that the greatest floods have not yet been reached.

Kansas Cirv, May 20.—At midnight the river is on a standstill, having been unchanged since about noon. The Kaw is rising slowly at the mouth, but

Kaw is rising slowly at the mouth, but reports from above indicate that it is failing there. Armourdale is in a worse condition than it has been at any time. One hundred families were compelled to move out this evening. Reports from up the Mission river showed that the June rise left Bezem yesterday morning and that means it will be here in about a week. Storx City, May 20.—Only one body was taken from the Floyd river bank this forenoon, that of Mrs. this forenoon, that of Mrs. Henderson. It was recovered near Springdale, where it had caught in the bushes. There are still from fifteen to twenty corpses under the driftwood and piled along the banks or in the Mis-souri bottoms below town. These cannot be taken out till the weather moderates, for Sioux City was today the victim of a fierce February buz-

Ravaged by Cholera LONDON, May 20 .- Cholera is raging along the Afghan and Persian fronters, and steps have been taken by Person authorities to prevent spread of the disease.

QUEER MODES OF BURIAL How Natives of the Far East Dies

According to the Philadelphia the Mohammedans always, whether in their own country or in one of adoption, bury without coffin or casket of any man empire the dead bodies of all ex-cept suicides were burned. The Greeka sometimes buried their dead in the ground, but more generally cremated them in imitation of the Romans. In India, up till within the last few years, the wife, either according to her wishes or otherwise, was cremated on the same funeral pyre that converted her dead husband's remains into ashes. When a child dies in Greenland the natives bury a live dog with it, the dog to be used by the child as a guide to the other world. When questioned in regard to this peculiar superstition they will only answer. "A dog can find his way anywhere." The natives of Australia tie the hands of their dend together and pull out their nails. This is for fear that the corpse may scratch its way out of the grave and become a rampire. The primitive Russians pince a certificate of character in the dead person's hands, which is to be given to St. Peter at the gates of Heaven. the child as a guide to the other world

SPORTS OF THE DAY

The Record of Events in the **World of Contest**

BETWEEN MEN AND HORSES

Base Ball Games-Running and Tretting Races-American Derby Candidas Other News and Notes.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 20 .- This was the last day of the spring me The meeting has not been a an owing to the continued unfavo weather, and most of the stake having been failures owing to the anali fields. Wadsworth, the most promising candidate for the big Chicago Derbies, now in sight, had a narrow escape from defeat by Kinders today for the Falls City handicap, and his queer performance excited much comment. The track was muddy and the weather cold.

First race, seven furlongs—Torrent won, Orville second, Bag Pipe third; time, 1:34.
Second race, five furlongs—Toe Quick won, Vevie second, Earl Palmer third; time, 1:07.
Third race, the Falls City stakes, one mile—Wadsworth won, Kindera second, (two starters); time, 1:47.
Fourth race, seven furlongs—Eugenie won, Moss Terry second, Speth third; time, 1:36.
Fifth race, one mile—Major Torre

time, 1:36.

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Results at Gravenend. NEW YORK, May 20 .- Ruces at Grave.

First race, five-eighths noise-Merri-ment won, Little Mid second, Sir Rich-ards third; time, 1:04.

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Second race, one and one-sixteenth miles—Warpath won, Westchester accord, Temple third; time, 1:52.

Third race, one and one-eighth miles—Banquet won, George W accord, Tammany third; time, 1:59.

Fourth race, one and one-eighth miles—Picknicker won, Willie L second, Tammany third; time 1:58;

Fifth race, three-fourths mile—Wolcott won, Onward second, Kingsbridge third; time, 1:16.

Sixth race, one mile—Barefoot won.

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GLOUCESTER, May 20,-Pirst race, seven-eighths of a mile—Lutoon won, Leo Briget second, Baiston third; time,

1:37.
Second race, three and one-half furlongs—Bright Eyes won, Maria Barnes
second, Jewell third; time, 1:48.
Third race, six and one-fourth furlongs—Double Cross won, Doga second,
Jersey third; time, 1:27.
Fourth race, one mile—Bravo won,
John Akins second, Grimaldi third;
time, 1:512.
Fifth race, four and one-half furlongs—Zingara won, Braven, second

Louis Jockey club track today. The track was in fair shape.

First race, six furlongs—Joe Edwards won, Billy Smith second, Nellie third; time, 1:21‡.

Second race, four and one-half furlongs—Quiver won, Century second, Montana Belle third; time, :57.

Third race, six furlongs—Earon won.

Third race, six furlongs—Baron won, Doubtful second, John Francis, third;

Fourth race, one mile - Highland won, May Hardy second, Brazos third;

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Fifth race, fifteen-sixteenths of a mile—Carter B. won, Happy Day second, Eslem third; time, 1:40].

Sixth race, six furlongs—L. J. Knight won, Serviter second, Wightman third; time, 1:18].

Philadelphia Trotting.

PHILADELPHIA, May 20 .- The cold bleak winds winch blew today did not have much effect on the attendance of the third racing of the Philadelphia Driving park, there being a good attendance. There were three races set for decision and the sport was exciting, most of the finishes being hot ones. Summary:

2:27 class, purse \$500—Linkwood won, Orphan Lass second, Bay State Morgan third; best time, 2:25½.

2:25 pacers, purse \$500—Rube Burrows won, Ganny Medal second, Budd Doble third; best time, 2:25½.

2:37 class, purse \$500—Nellie Souther won, Charles Dickins second, Vortex third; time, 2:32½. bleak winds which blew today did not

Ahead of Time. BUFFALO, May 20.—The relay cyclists

Learing General Miles' message left nere at 9:15 p. m., and are expected to reach Rochester at 2:30 a. m., ahead of schedule time. Baravia, N. Y., May 20.—The relay bicycles passed here at 10 o'clock.

Championship Billiards.
CRICAGO, May 18.—George F. Blosson and Champion Frank P. Ives meet in Central Music bail tomogrow night for the chamionship of the world at balk-line billiards.

ANSE STILL A WINNER The Colts Take Their Twelfth Con-

tive Game—Other Games.

Chicago, May 20.—Chicago won her twelfth consecutive victory today by defeating the Clevelands. Davies started in to pitch but was driven out of the box in the fifth inning. Bettger finished the game and held the Colts down to two hits.

Pullabelphia, May 20.—The Pullies had very little trouble in shutting out Baltimore this afternoon.

Pirisauso, May 20.—Pittal Cincinnati played a postpon here today.

telegram BROOKLYN, May 20.—The first ming between the New York and Briyn clubs resulted in the downfal the men from over the big bridge.

Lessos, May 20.-At the cal ouncil held today it is stated a